

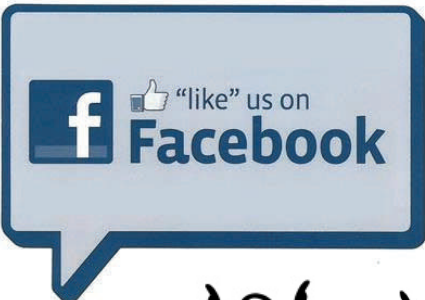
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IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED

Being a member of a church doesn’t just mean to be in attendance on Sundays. There is a responsibility to become an

active member of the body of Christ. What better way to do that than to become involved in the church activities of Oaks Christian Church? There are many opportunities for involvement:

**CWF:** (Christian Women’s Fellowship):The women have a very active fellowship group meeting on Tuesday mornings.

**Sunday School Classes:** Four adult classes to choose from and a teen-age class too.

**Community Lunch:** As the church’s mission field work, every fourth Saturday of the month, we serve free lunch to anyone that is hungry. Starts at noon and goes till 2:00 p.m.

**Handbell choir:** Starts practice on Wednesday., August 21 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Choir:** Practice begins on Wednesday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study:** Every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Carpe Diem Room next to Hospitality.

**Helping at MANNA** (Ministry Assistance of the Near Northwest Alliance): They have a Thrift Store that needs volunteer help. Also need volunteers at their Food Pantry, Assistance Program, and Eyeglass Dispensing.

These are some of the things that are part of the life of Oaks, why not come and get involved!!

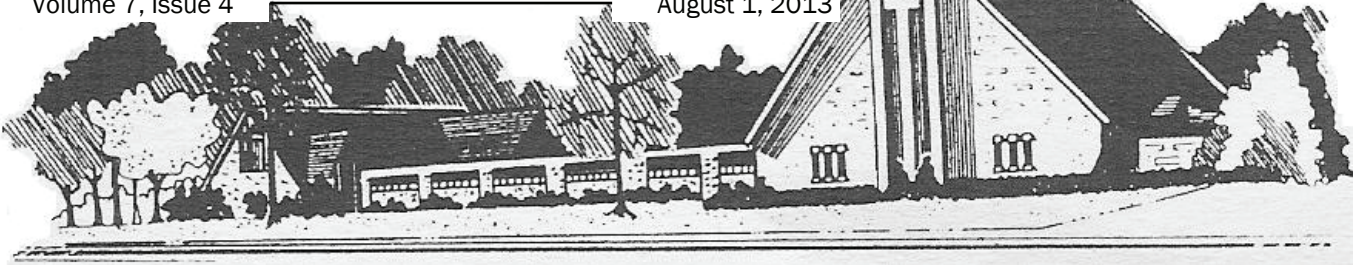


CWF recently enjoyed an outing to Brenham, TX, for a salad luncheon, and tasty treats at the Bluebell Ice Cream Factory. CWF is just one way to get involved in the church.

OAKS NOTES

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*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God’s word, God’s Love, and God’s fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*



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From the Pastor

This past week, Linda and I made one of our final trips to Beaumont to clear out our old house. While we are very excited to have the house sold and be gone, every now and then, we would have one of those moments that made us reflect on how special it was there.

On one of my last nights at the house, my next door neighbor, Mike Hamilton, came over and we had a long talk. Mike had been a good friend of mine and of many others for quite a few years.

Mike was the guy who always mowed my yard – and anyone else’s for that matter – if they were out of town or ill. He was always bringing over fish to eat after his fishing trips. If anyone in

the neighborhood got sick, Mike was at the hospital to see how they were doing.

One Easter, he attempted to convince us that God was trying to talk to us, because there was a large green cross growing in our front yard. (He later admitted he had been fertilizing and watering a cross shape in our grass after dark.)

The long and short of it was Mike did whatever was necessary to care for those around him and make them

laugh. He talked me into joining his church as a part time associate many years ago at First Christian in Beaumont.

Mike taught me so very much about how love “Does.” If we are going to be the true believers we are called to be, we can’t just talk about what we should do, or talk about what Christ did, or talk about going to church on Sunday. We must be the hands and feet of Jesus, and Mike did that in ways so very few could.

I’ll miss being across the street from Mike, for he did more than show me a green cross in my yard. He showed me God’s love almost every time I saw him. I hope all of us can do the same, no matter where we live.

See ya Sunday!

In His Grip,  
Pastor Don



Pastor Don’s neighbor, Mike, used to mow the lawn for any neighbors who were away or too ill to do so.



AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	Bible Study @ 6:15 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	Prayer Circle @ 9:30 a.m. ; CWF Meeting @ 10 a.m.; Bible Study @ 6:15 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18	19	Bible Study @ 6:15 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	Bible Study @ 6:15 p.m.	28	29	30	31

**Happy August Birthdays!**

8/5 Chris King

8/21 Katie Spencer, Pat Scruggs, & Jimmy Dixon

8/24 Jill Doremus

8/27 Joe Saldivar

8/30 Julie Clawson & Melanie Clawson

**August Anniversaries:**

8/8 Oliver and Sue Harrison

8/26 Glen and Bernie Slaven

**LET US KNOW!**

If there are events, meetings, or stories you would like to see in the September newsletter, please let us know! E-mail the church secretary, Holly Leger, at [oakscchouston@aol.com](mailto:oakscchouston@aol.com). Please send in all information before **Friday, August 23, 2013!**

June Church Attendance Report			
Attendance for the Month of JUNE		Church Attendance	
JUNE 2, 2013		32	
JUNE 9, 2013		38	
JUNE 16, 2013		35	
JUNE 23, 2013		50	
JUNE 30, 2013		40	
TOTALS		195	
From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake			
Operating Account 2013	2013 MARCH	2012 APRIL	2013 MAY
Deposits	\$8,650.00	\$12,313.75	\$8,693.33
Disbursements	\$10,232.24	\$10,922.33	\$9,980.30
Difference	(\$1,582.24)	\$1,391.42	(\$1,286.97)

AUGUST MEANS SUMMERTIME BLUES, Time to Shop for Pens, Markers, and Glues

Walmarts are often busy, but in August, they take it to a new level. With a printed list in their hands, parents and their children cram into four designated aisles in the store and fill their shopping carts with school supplies for the upcoming year. The closer the first day of school gets, the crazier those aisles become, as folders fall to the floor, binders get shuffled out of order, and shopping carts run into each other like bumper cars. School shopping can be a stressful time for families. But it can be even more stressful when money is tight, and school supplies lists are long. The church wants to help those families and students this month with a school supplies drive. The donations will benefit pre-kindergarten thru fifth grade students at Stevens Elementary School, which is located near the church in the Oak Forest community. Church member Jimmye Saldivar said



Supplies may include items like those pictured above.

the church’s neighboring area has more needy families than one may think. She said it is important to make sure those children have enough for a successful school year. “It’s for a good cause,” Saldivar said. “It’s for these kids.” A collection box is set up at the back of Kirchner Hall for all who would like to participate in the drive. Supplies such as No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, glue bottles, colored binders with brads, folders, markers (erasable and non-erasable), crayons, Kleenex boxes, hand sanitizer, etc., are encouraged. Stevens Elementary’s first day is August 26. Please bring all donations to the church no later than **Wednesday, August 21**. For more information about donations, contact Jimmye Saldivar at [JSald30280@aol.com](mailto:JSald30280@aol.com)

A Big Hello To Oaks Christian Church

Hello Oaks Christian Church! My name is Holly Leger, and I am the new secretary. Since I have not been able to meet all of you yet, I wanted to use this as an opportunity to introduce myself and let you know how excited I am to work here. My husband and I got married in January, and moved down here from



Holly and her husband, Justin

Lubbock, which is my hometown, and where both of us went to school. (Yes, I’m sorry, but I am indeed a “Guns Up” Red Raider, not a “Thumbs Up” Aggie!) Moving to a new city as a new wife has been a big life change for me, but everyone here at the church has made me feel so warm and welcome. I hope I can give back by being a productive and hard-working secretary for all of you.

If there is ever anything you need, please don’t hesitate to give the office a call, or send me an e-mail at [oakscchouston@aol.com](mailto:oakscchouston@aol.com). I am here Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. I can’t wait to continue meeting more of the congregation and doing all that I can for the church’s ministry. Getting this job was definitely an answered prayer, and I am so thankful for the opportunity. -Holly

We Want Your Rummage!

Looking for a place to get rid of your gently used items that will go to a good cause? Well does Christian Women’s Fellowship have a place for you! Our annual Rummage Sale, whose proceeds go directly toward our church’s mission giving, will be September 13 and 14 this year. That will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will take anything that is not broken or in bad condition. Items included are clothes, housewares, furniture, books, and toys, to name a few. We will be setting up on Monday and Tuesday, the 9 and 10, for you to bring your items then.



If you would like to come and work the sale, we would greatly appreciate your help whenever you can make it. Any questions, please contact Barb Scantlin.